
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE BARACK OBAMA
FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND HAWAII AS THE SITE FOR
THE BARACK OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, presidential libraries are important resources in
2 preserving and providing the public access to presidential
3 papers, records, and historical materials from the President of
4 the United States; and

5
6 WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt observed during the
7 dedication of his library in 1941, "To bring together the
8 records of the past and to house them in buildings where they
9 will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future, a
10 Nation must believe in three things - It must believe in the
11 past; it must believe in the future; it must, above all, believe
12 in the capacity of its own people so to learn from the past that
13 they can gain in judgment in creating their own future"; and

14
15 WHEREAS, the Presidential Library for the 21st Century has
16 evolved from a repository of presidential documents to be
17 studied by researchers and historians to a future-learning
18 Presidential Center that cultivates young leaders and brings
19 people together to solve global problems; and

20
21 WHEREAS, Hawaii's proposal, submitted by the University of
22 Hawaii in collaboration and with support from state, federal,
23 county, business, philanthropic, and community leaders, promotes
24 a Barack Obama Presidential Center to not only preserve the
25 President's legacy but to advance it through a center that
26 promotes innovation, research, and education such as a K-12
27 Global Youth Leadership Academy, an action-oriented Convening
28 Institute, a University of Hawaii Center for Community
29 Organizing, and an interactive, issues-based Visitor Center; and

30
31 WHEREAS, Hawaii's advantage lies not only in its hospitable
32 climate and exceptional natural beauty but in its



H.R. NO. 25

1 multiculturalism and aloha spirit; where national and
2 international visitors, scholars, and global leaders will
3 experience the beauty of Hawaii's diversity and aloha spirit,
4 but most importantly a sense of place and familiarity; and
5

6 WHEREAS, as the world's attention pivots to the Asia-
7 Pacific region due to its growing economic and geopolitical
8 prominence, Hawaii represents the ideal location to build the
9 Barack Obama Presidential Center; and
10

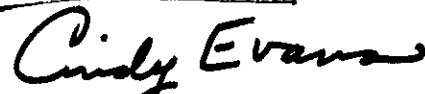
11 WHEREAS, Hawaii is strategically located, culturally
12 diverse, and roughly equidistant from the world's principal
13 economic capitals, which will enable the Center to bring
14 together scholars, stakeholders, and decision-makers to tackle
15 global challenges, from climate change to economic inequality;
16 now, therefore,
17

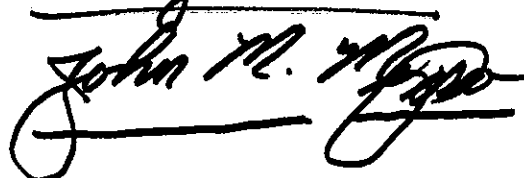
18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2015, that this body requests the United States
21 Congress and the Barack Obama Foundation to support and
22 recommend Hawaii as the site for the Barack Obama Presidential
23 Library and Center; and
24

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's
27 congressional delegation and the Chair of the Board of Directors
28 of the Barack Obama Foundation.
29
30
31

OFFERED BY: 







MAR 03 2015

